

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP, MS-203-M

Ministerial Studies [3 credits]

Independent Study, Summer 2017

Christian Life College-Madison

I. INSTRUCTORS

Although the lead instructor for the course will be Greg Pechacek (gpechacek@citychurchonline.org), the recorded lecturers will include John Stott, Dallas Willard, and John Johnson. A library copy of these lectures can be obtained by contacting the lead instructor at the email address above.

II. SCHEDULE

This is an independent study course and as such it will have no formal schedule attached to it. However, students are encouraged to develop their own study schedule to help insure the greatest possible benefit from the course. Although students may complete their assignments at any time, all assignments related to this course must be completed by August 31, 2017. There can be no exceptions.

III. DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to move students into deeper levels of understanding regarding the significant concepts and theories that shape our contemporary understanding of leadership development and function in a Christian context. From this primary context, students will be guided into discoveries of personal individual styles, strengths, and opportunities for growth in an effort to enhance personal leadership competencies. This course will also have a deliberate focus on the development of personal character, the deeper life in Christ, and Christ-like servant leadership.

IV. OBJECTIVES

- A. To increase students spiritual influence to the honor of God.
- B. To obtain an understanding of how to grow in spirituality, character and integrity
- C. To be able to articulate and practice the basic disciplines for personal Christian leadership development.
- D. To be able to determine and execute the most effective steps toward proficiency in Christian leadership.
- E. To be able to identify effective means for the development of emerging leaders.
- F. To gain new insights for becoming a mentor and spiritual guide to others.

V. TEXTBOOKS

- A. *Spiritual Leadership* by J. Oswald Sanders (Moody, 2007)
- B. *The Making of a Leader* by Robert Clinton (NavPress, 2012)
- C. *Lead Like Jesus* by Ken Blanchard and Phil Hodges (Thomas Nelson, 2005)
- D. *Leading With a Limp* by Dan B. Allender (Water Brook Press, 2006)
- E. *The Emotionally Healthy Church* by Peter Scazzero (Zondervan, 2010)

VI. REQUIREMENTS

- A. Reading – Each of the required texts must be read carefully and completely in the order listed above (e.g. *Spiritual Leadership* first, then *The Making of a Leader*, etc.). Students will be required to report on the quantity and quality of their reading.
- B. Chapter Assignments - Each student will be required to complete chapter assignments (i.e. a series of questions) for each of the chapters in each of the five textbooks. Each assignment must not only adequately answer the stated question, but must also reflect a good understanding of the related chapter. All assignments must be double spaced and completed in 12 point, Times New Roman font. Please include the assignment question in your response. These assignments can be obtained from the lead instructor at the email address above.
- C. Lecture and Notes – Students will be required to take notes on each of the lectures. These notes should only include the lecturer’s main points, sub-points and sub-sub-points. There is no need for any greater detail. All assignments must be double spaced and completed in 12 point, Times New Roman font. A library copy of these lectures can be obtained by contacting the lead instructor at the email address above.

VII. GRADING

	Percentage
Reading	30%
Chapter Assignments	40%
Lecture and Notes	30%

<i>Letter Grade</i>	<i>Scores</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>GPA</i>
A	93-100	Excellent	4.00
A-	90-92		3.67
B+	88-89	Very Good	3.33
B	83-87	Good	3.00
B-	80-82	Above Average	2.67
C+	78-79		2.33
C	73-77	Average	2.00
C-	70-72		1.67
D+	68-69	Below Average	1.33
D	63-67	Passing	1.00
D-	60-62		.67
F	0-59	Failure	.00
I		Incomplete	

VIII. EXTENSIONS: There will be no extensions in this class except for extenuating family emergencies or medical reasons. Incompletes occur when class work is not completed during the semester. Incompletes automatically become “F” thirty days after the semester ends.

IX. ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: Academic dishonesty constitutes a serious violation of scholarship standards at CLCM and can result in denial of credit and possible dismissal from school. Academic dishonesty includes cheating on assignments or exams, plagiarism, fabrication of research, the facilitation of academic dishonesty, and depriving others of research materials.

X. CREDIT AND AUDIT

- A. The current cost of 3 credits is \$350. Students who pay in full on or before the first day of June will receive a \$30 discount. Successful completion of this course will result in 3 credits towards an Associate of Arts degree in Biblical Studies from Christian Life College, Mt. Prospect, Illinois.
- B. This independent study course may be audited for free. To fully benefit from the course, auditors will want to read all the required texts and complete all the assignments. However, auditors can gain a great deal of understanding by simply listening to the lectures and reading Robert Clinton's book, *The Making of a Leader*.
- C. Application Fee – There is a one-time Registration and Application fee of \$25. This one-time fee must accompany every first-time application for enrollment or audit.